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SUBJECT: (Optional) Request for Approval of an Agency Speaker to Address the
Lyon G. Tyler Historical Society of the College of William and Mary

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Deputy Director, Political Research

DATE

4 September 1974

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4. D/OS
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5. A/DCI

Mr. Angus Thuermer
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6. A/DDI

Mr. Paul V. Walsh
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4 September 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request for Approval of an Agency Speaker to
Address the Lyon G. Tyler Historical Society
of the College of William and Mary

1. The undersigned requests approval to speak on the general subject of intelligence in relation to foreign policy to the Lyon G. Tyler Historical Society of the College of William and Mary in late September 1974.

2. This is in response to a request submitted by the President of that Society to the Coordinator for Academic Relations (letter attached). I would, of course, be identified as a CIA officer; classified information will not be involved. This speaking engagement should be useful to the Agency by demonstrating a measure of openness in discussing the role of intelligence.


Deputy Director, Political Research

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Attachment: As stated

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July 17, 1974.

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Dear

It was a pleasure to speak with you the other day. As you know, I am attempting to arrange for guest speakers to address my society, the Lyon G. Tyler Historical Society of the College of William and Mary.

I would like very much to have someone from your agency address the group. I understand your unfortunate inability to discuss operations; a discussion of the agency's place in history, its influence on foreign policy making, etc., would, I believe, make for an excellent discussion, particularly if it would be possible to illustrate the talk with slides, movies, pictures, or whatever might be convenient or appropriate. If such items as overhead projectors, movie screens and so forth are desired, I can easily have them arranged for.

If possible, I would like to open the society's year with this lecture. Therefore, I had the end of September in mind for the meeting. If this is undesirable for whatever reason, please let me know, and we can arrange for another time. Our meetings are generally scheduled for early evening, around 7:30; they can last anywhere from 45 minutes to two hours, depending on the speaker and his program. We generally terminate the evening after a question-and-answer session.

Audience sizes can vary, from a dozen to twenty or thirty, depending on publicity and general interest. Audience size is a controllable variable - if a specific (or general) size is desired, please let me know, and we can discuss it further. Our meetings are open to the public, members and non-members alike, except on special occasions.

I understand your desire to exclude the press from this gathering. I don't foresee any difficulties; if you so desire, I can request a campus security officer to attend - merely as a precaution.

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Once the lecture is set up and definite, I would very much appreciate a short biographical sketch of the speaker, with which to introduce him to the Society.

Sometime before the event, I will send you a copy of the promo flier, as requested.

My address for the remainder of the summer will be :

[Redacted]

In the Fall, my mailing address is :

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours truly, *A*

[Redacted]

Lynn of Tyler Historical Society - President

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VIRGINIA GAZETTE 4 OCT 1974
**CIA Talk At W&M
Closed To Public**

A STUDENT organization at the College of William and Mary met behind closed doors Tuesday night to hear an address on the Central Intelligence Agency given by an employee of the CIA.

John F. Devlin, an agency employee with the title of "political researcher," appeared before the Lyon G. Tyler Historical Society, a 30-member student organization at the college. The meeting was closed to all but members of the organization.

"Mr. Devlin has specifically asked me that there be no outside reporters," society chairman Ken Landfield told a reporter Monday. Devlin declined to be interviewed as well, Landfield added.

Landfield said he asked the CIA recently if the agency would be interested in sending a representative to address the historical society and Devlin was sent.

Landfield said he asked the agency for a speaker as part of a regular series of lectures and talks organized by the group throughout the academic year. He apologized for Devlin's "house rules" banning outsiders.

A spokesman for the college indicated Monday that "there's no law requiring them to open it (the meeting) up." The college itself "takes no position" on whether or not college organizations hold private meetings, the spokesman added.

"Probably some good things will be discussed," Landfield said of the talk. "But it's his ballgame."

VIRGINIA GAZETTE 4 OCT 1974 EDITORIAL
Gown And Dagger

The refusal by a CIA employee to allow reporters to cover his address to a student organization at the College of William and Mary Tuesday night probably tells us more about the agency than anything he said. But it also raises the question again: Is the CIA's penchant for secrecy in the extreme, a justified policy? The CIA set the ground rules for appearing at the college: Do it our way or nothing.

So the hapless sponsors of the talk put up flyers all over campus warning that "I.D. cards will be checked at the door." Well, the college can't be faulted for keeping a hands-off policy toward the decisions of its organizations. The historical society is probably embarrassed enough over having to play by the CIA's rules. In this particular instance, the CIA doesn't appear sinister; it just looks foolish.